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"WE," BIG BOSS?
THAT'S RIGHT, TURBO TU-TONE.
I DECIDED I'M TIRED O' THE CITY, SO YOU, ME, AN' BERSERKO ARE GONNA MAKE THE PICK-UP PERSONALLY-- AND WE'RE GONNA TREAT THE WHOLE LITTLE JAUNT AS A VACATION.
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AND A FISHIN' POLE!
ABOVE ALL, TURBO TU-TONE, DON'T YOU DARE FORGET TO PACK A FISHIN' POLE!
UH, S-SURE, BIG BOSS... WHATEVER YOU S-SAY, BOSS.
DEN DAT TAKES CARE O' THE PREPARATIONS -- EXCEPT -- WHERE ARE YOU GOIN', BERSERKO?
UH, I THINK I GOT A DATE, BIG BOSS.
WHAT KIND O' DATE?
A DATE TO BREAK ANOTHER DATE, UNCLE BOSS.
WHAT? OTHER DA -- NEVER MIND! A DATE WITH WHOM, I SHALL ASK INSTEAD.
WITH MS. DEMEANOR, UNC, SINCE MY HEART'S GOT ROOM FOR NO OTHER.
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MS. DEMEANOR AGAIN, MMM?
LISTEN, BERSERKO, AS MY NEPHEW, I THINK YOU HAD BETTER REMIND ME, AND REMIND ME SOON, DAT YOU AN' I SHOULD ENDEAVOR A NICE LONG TALK ABOUT THE BIRDS AN' THE BEES.
UH... OKAY, UNC.
BIRDS AN' BEES?
GUESS THIS VACATION IDEA IS GIVIN' UNC A CASE O' NATURE ON THE BRAIN.
LATER:
--SO I FIGURED I'D BETTER COME OVER AN' JUST CANCEL ALL OUR DATES FOR NEXT WEEK...
BERSERKO'S VOICE?
SEE, THE SECRET CODE'S REAL COMPLICATED, AN' I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVTA BE UP AT THOUSAND MOOSEHEAD ISLANDS UNTIL TWOSDAY OR THREESDAY.
YEP--THAT'S BERSERKO, ALL RIGHT.
POLICE
NOW, I KNOW YOU MUST BE DISAPPOINTED AN' ALL, MS. DEMEANOR...
YEAH, A REAL TRAGEDY.
...SO MAYBE YOU COULD RUN YOUR FINGERS THROUGH MY HAIR NOW TO MAKE UP FOR IT?
UM, SORRY, BERSERKIE-BABY...

BUT I JUST GOT HIT BY A BLINDING INSPIRA-- UH, HEADACHE.
HUH--?
BAAD IS GOOD
HUSTLE OFF TO A GOOD VACATION AND WE'LL DALLY AGAIN WHEN YOU GET BACK!
BUT--
BYE!
WHAT A DOPE THAT GUY IS, EH, MANN?
YEAH, MON, NO COOL RUNNINGS FROM DE BERSERKO-MON.
ALL RIGHT, EITHER THEY'RE SMUGGLING SOMETHING OR PICKING UP CASH LAUNDERED IN A CAYMOHAN BANK.
EITHER WAY, THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE.
I DON'T SEE HOW, MS. DEMEANOR.
HENCH BE RIGHT, LADY-MON-- HOW SO?
LOOK, THE GOAL IS TO USURP BIG BOSS'S POSITION AS CRIMELORD OF EMPIRE CITY, WITH YOU TWO AS MY HENCHMEN, RIGHT?
RIGHT.
COOL RUNNINGS SO FAR, LADY-MON.
LAST TIME, WE TRIED TO SABOTAGE ONE OF BIG BOSS'S BIG CAPERS, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUCCEEDING IN OUR OWN CAPER--
-- MAKING HIM LOOK BAD-- AND US GOOD!-- IN THE EYES OF THE CITY'S CRIMINAL POPULATION.
VERY SUCCINCTLY SUMMED UP, MS. DEMEANOR.
YEAH, 'CEPT DON' BE FORGETTIN' DE LAS' DEAL BE QUEERED BY DE BERSERKO-MON, LADY-MON.
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THAT'S BECAUSE OUR LAST SCHEME WAS TOO COMPLI-CATED, MANN...
...BUT THIS ONE IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF SIMPLICITY.
SO WHAT COULD QUEER IT?
I DONNO, MON, BUT BERSERKO, HE BE A VERY QUEER MON, MON -- AN' WHERE BE SIMPLICITY?
THIS TIME WE SIMPLY BUY THE OTHER CROOKS' LOYALTY -- HIRE THEM AWAY FROM BIG BOSS... BUT TO BUY THEM OFF, OF COURSE --
-- WE NEED CAPITAL.
AND WHERE DO WE GET THE CAPITAL, MS. DEMEANOR?
FROM BIG BOSS, OF COURSE -- UP IN CANADA.
COOL RUNNINGS FOR HOT TORPEDOES, MON.
THEN IT'S SETTLED, HENCH AND MANN?
WE USE BERSERKO AGAIN, JUST LIKE LAST TIME, BUT THIS TIME, WE DEFINITELY --
-- DO NOT WANT THE COPS TO KNOW.
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, COPS... BARRICADE'S SURVEILLANCE PROOF THAT BIG BOSS IS OUT TO PICK UP MORE I.G.G. --
--AND THAT MS. DEMEANOR IS OUT TO FOIL HIM BY STEALING THE I.G.G.... ALTHOUGH WE'VE GOT NOTHING ON THEM, NOTHING WE CAN PROVE IN A COURT OF LAW...
... PARTICULARLY NOT IF THE CRIMES TRANSPIRE ACROSS THE BORDER IN CANADA.
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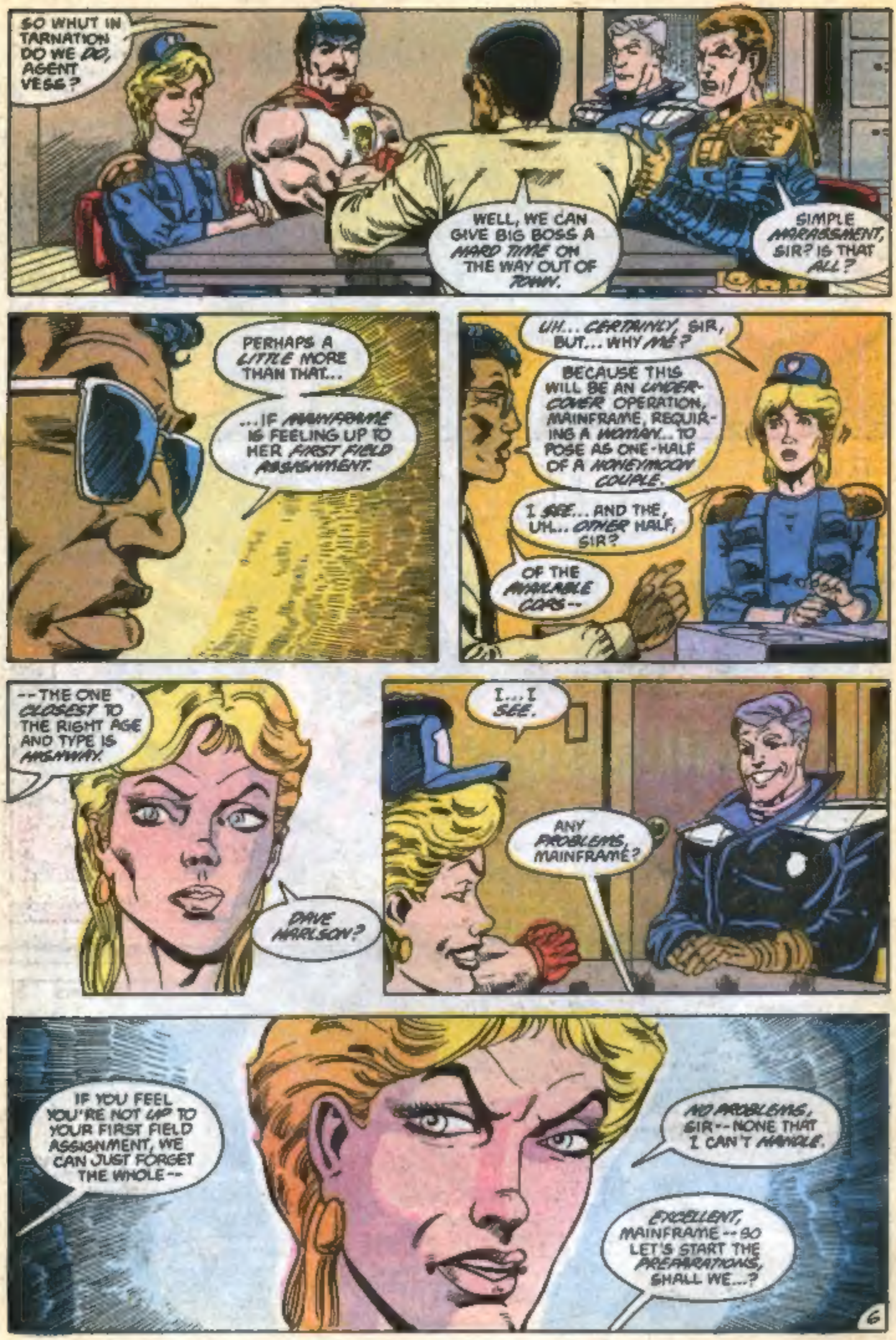
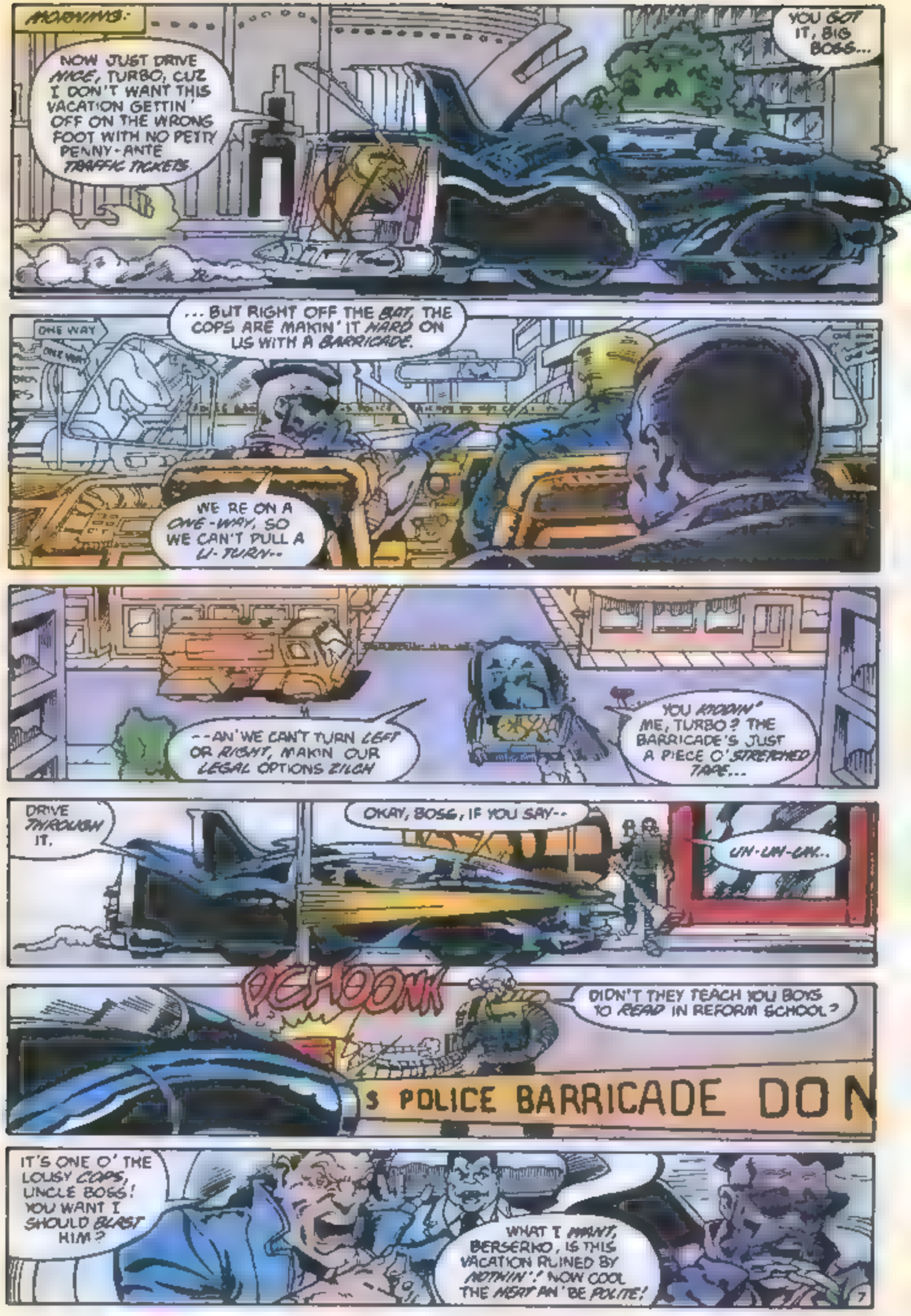

SO WHUT IN TARNATION DO WE DO, AGENT VEGG?
WELL, WE CAN GIVE BIG BOSS A HARD TIME ON THE WAY OUT OF TOWN.
SIMPLE HARASSMENT, SIR? IS THAT ALL?
PERHAPS A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT...
...IF MAINFRAME IS FEELING UP TO HER FIRST FIELD ASSIGNMENT.
UH... CERTAINLY, SIR, BUT... WHY ME?
BECAUSE THIS WILL BE AN UNDER-COVER OPERATION, MAINFRAME, REQUIR-ING A WOMAN... TO POSE AS ONE-HALF OF A HONEYMOON COUPLE.
I SEE... AND THE, UH... OTHER HALF, SIR?
OF THE AVAILABLE COPS--
--THE ONE CLOSEST TO THE RIGHT AGE AND TYPE IS ANYWAY.
DAVE HARLSON?
I... I SEE.
ANY PROBLEMS, MAINFRAME?
IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE NOT UP TO YOUR FIRST FIELD ASSIGNMENT, WE CAN JUST FORGET THE WHOLE--
NO PROBLEMS, SIR--NONE THAT I CAN'T HANDLE.
EXCELLENT, MAINFRAME--SO LET'S START THE PREPARATIONS, SHALL WE...?


MORNING:
NOW JUST DRIVE NICE, TURBO, CUZ I DON'T WANT THIS VACATION GETTIN' OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT WITH NO PETTY PENNY-ANTE TRAFFIC TICKETS.
YOU GOT IT, BIG BOSS...
...BUT RIGHT OFF THE BAT, THE COPS ARE MAKIN' IT HARD ON US WITH A BARRICADE.
ONE WAY
ONE WAY
WE RE ON A ONE-WAY, SO WE CAN'T PULL A U-TURN--
--AN' WE CAN'T TURN LEFT OR RIGHT, MAKIN OUR LEGAL OPTIONS ZILCH
YOU KIDDIN' ME, TURBO? THE BARRICADE'S JUST A PIECE O' STRETCHED TAPE...
DRIVE THROUGH IT.
OKAY, BOSS, IF YOU SAY--
UH-UH-UH...
KERDONK
DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU BOYS TO READ IN REFORM SCHOOL?
S POLICE BARRICADE DON
IT'S ONE O' THE LOUSY COPS, UNCLE BOSS! YOU WANT I SHOULD BLAST HIM?
WHAT I MEANT, BERSERKO, IS THIS VACATION RUINED BY NOTHIN'! NOW COOL THE HEAT AN' BE POLITE!
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HERE'S YOUR CITATION, SIR, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE.
WHAT DIFFERENT ROUTE, [illegible]ICER - SIR? THERE AIN'T NO DIFFERENT ROUTE FROM HERE!
ALL THREE STREETS ARE ONE-WAY-- THE WRONG WAY!
I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM, DRIVER
AWRIGHT, HE AIN'T LOOKIN NOW, TURBO -- SO JUST HANG A LEFT FOR A QUICK BLOCK
IT FIGURES THEY'D PICK LEFT
NOW MOVE IT, TURBO, BEFORE WE RUN INTO SOMETHIN' COMIN' THE --
HALT!
WHUMMP
-- OTHER WAY?
THIS IS A CITATION FOR GOING THE WRONG WAY DOWN A ONE-WAY STREET
NO FOOLIN'
.. AN' LONG BEFORE THIS VACATION IS OVER.., I'M GONNA NEED A VACATION
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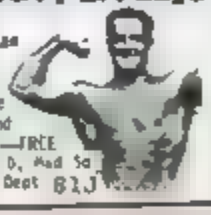

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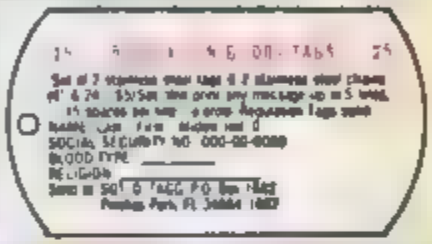

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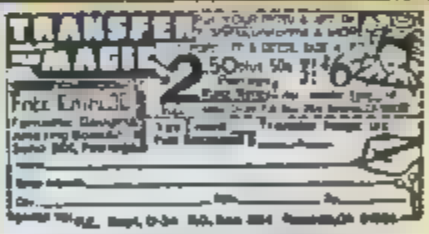

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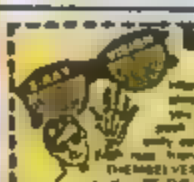

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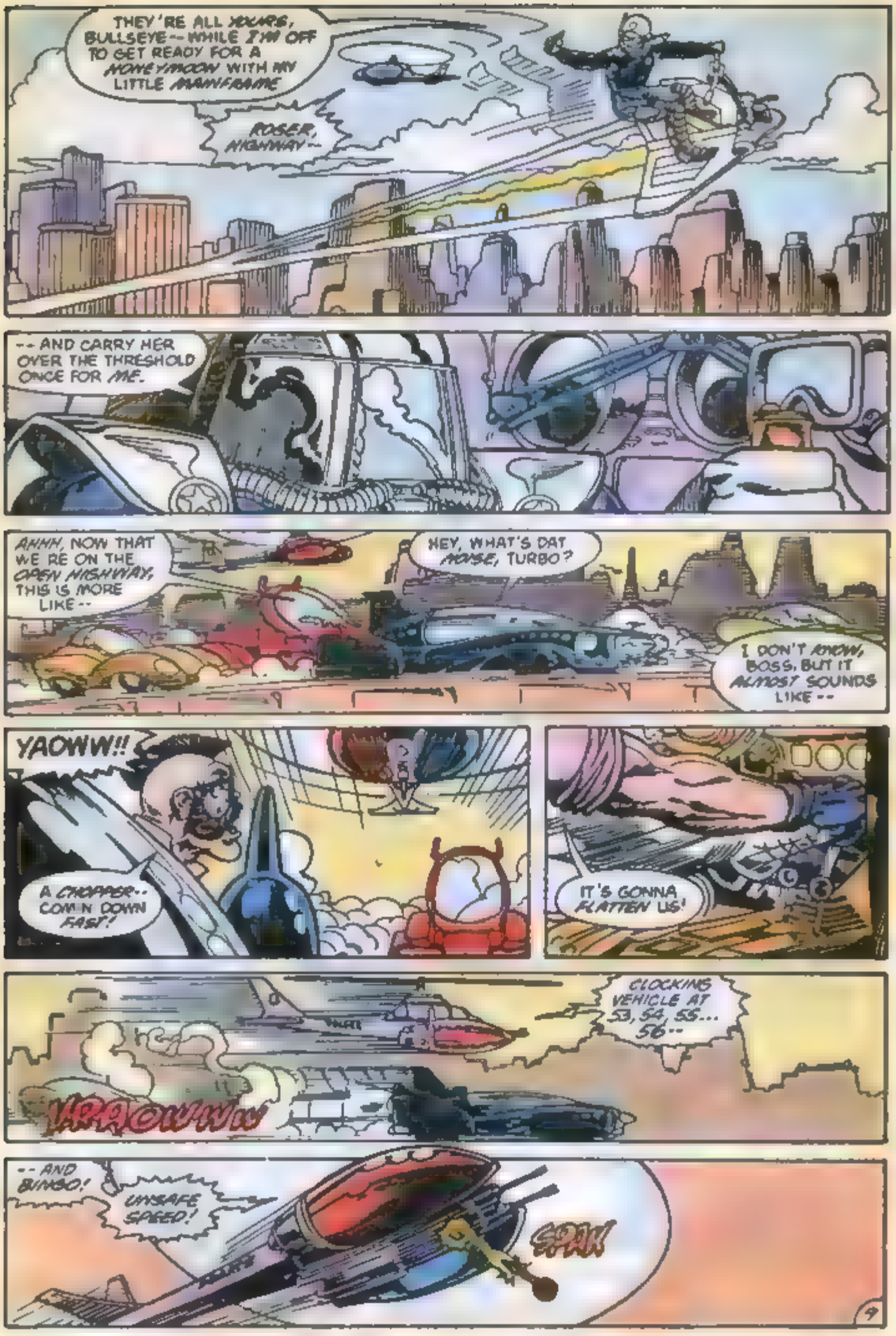
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ROGER, HIGHWAY --
-- AND CARRY HER OVER THE THRESHOLD ONCE FOR ME.
AHHH, NOW THAT WE RE ON THE OPEN HIGHWAY, THIS IS MORE LIKE --
HEY, WHAT'S DAT NOISE, TURBO?
I DON'T KNOW, BOSS, BUT IT ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE --
YAOWW!!
A CHOPPER -- COMIN DOWN FAST!
IT'S GONNA FLATTEN US!
CLOCKING VEHICLE AT 53, 54, 55... 56--
YAAOWWW
-- AND BINGO!
UNSAFE SPEED!
SPAK
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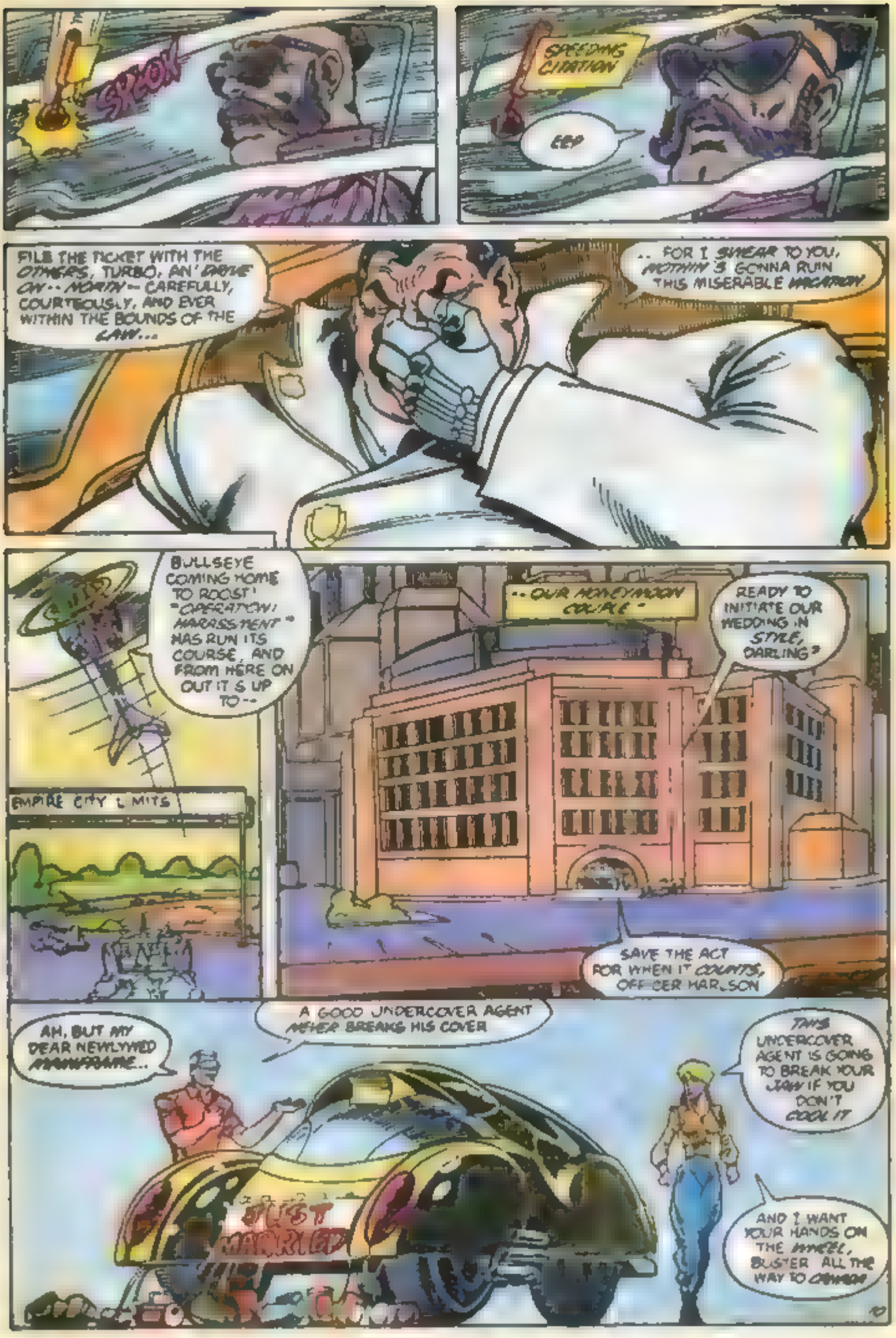
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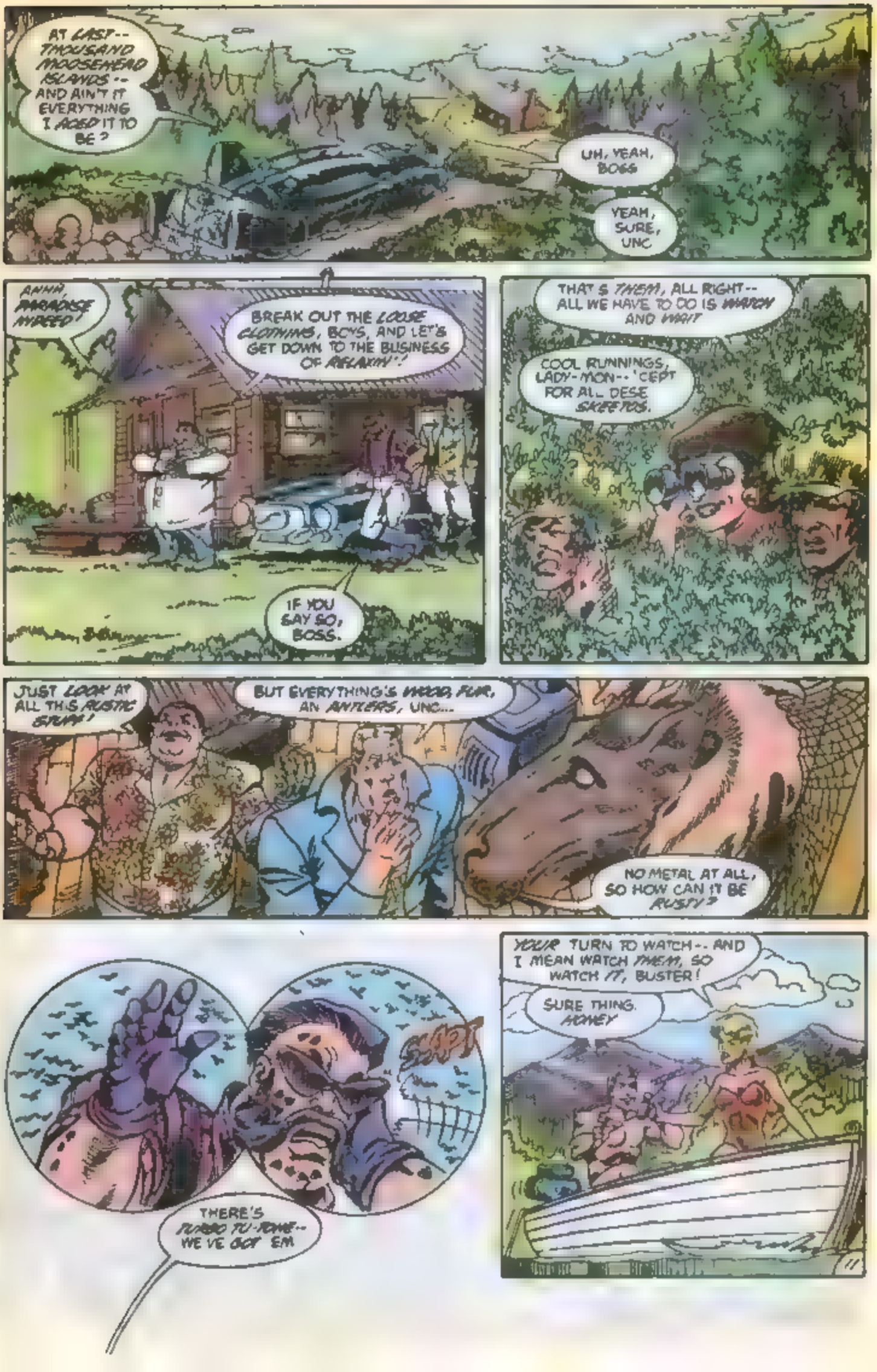
AND I WANT YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL, BUSTER ALL THE WAY TO CANADA


AT LAST-- THOUSAND MOOSEHEAD ISLANDS -- AND AIN'T IT EVERYTHING I ACED IT TO BE?
UH, YEAH, BOSS
YEAH, SURE, UNC
AHHH, PARADISE INDEED!
BREAK OUT THE LOOSE CLOTHING, BOYS, AND LET'S GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF RELAXIN'!
IF YOU SAY SO, BOSS.
THAT'S THEM, ALL RIGHT-- ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WATCH AND WAIT
COOL RUNNINGS, LADY-MON-- 'CEPT FOR ALL DESE SKEETOS.
JUST LOOK AT ALL THIS RUSTIC STUFF!
BUT EVERYTHING'S WOOD, FUR, AN ANTLERS, UNC...
NO METAL AT ALL, SO HOW CAN IT BE RUSTY?
SLAP!
THERE'S NUBBO TU-NOME-- WE'VE GOT 'EM
YOUR TURN TO WATCH-- AND I MEAN WATCH THEM, SO WATCH IT, BUSTER!
SURE THING, HONEY

SLAP
CLAP
SLAP
SLAP
AIN'T IT GAAND? A VERITABLE GARDEN OF EDEN..
LOUSY WOODS ARE INFESTED WITH MOSQUITOES!
S'MEW!
MAYBE THERE'S FIREWOOD ALREADY IN THE STOVE...
YIKES!!
BZZ
ZZZ
HONK HONK CHEEP HONK
SURE ARE A LOT O BIRDS UP HERE IN DIS PARADISE, UNCLE BOSS
YAAAHHH
AN' BEES. LOT O' BEES TOO, UNC.
SPLOOSH
SPEAKIN' OF WHICH, BERSERKO, MY BOY, MAYBE THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO STROLL IN THE WOODS AN HAVE THAT LITTLE TALK..
YEAH? GEE, UNC, ABOUT WHAT?
ABOUT WHAT, HE GAYS. HEH HEH HEH, SUCH A KIDDER LISTEN, DEAR NEPHEW-- SPEAKIN' STRICTLY MAN TO, UH, MAN...
YOU MEAN ME--?
ADD
DOD.
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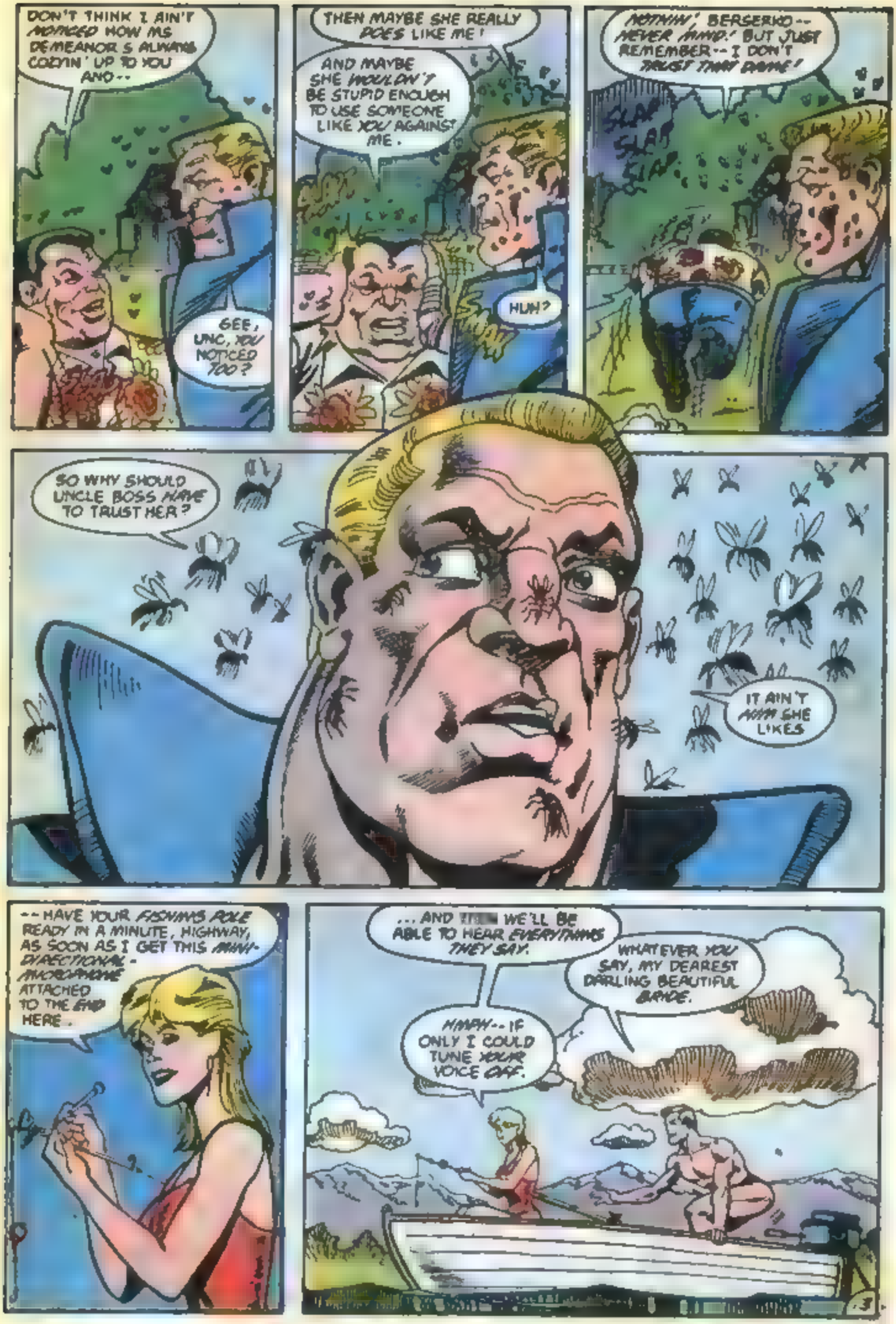
DON'T THINK I AIN'T NOTICED HOW MS DEMEANOR S ALWAYS COZYIN' UP TO YOU AND--
GEE, UNC, YOU NOTICED TOO?
THEN MAYBE SHE REALLY DOES LIKE ME!
AND MAYBE SHE WOULDN'T BE STUPID ENOUGH TO USE SOMEONE LIKE YOU AGAINST ME.
HUH?
SMAK
NOTHIN' BERSERKO-- NEVER MIND! BUT JUST REMEMBER-- I DON'T TRUST THAT BIMBE!
SLAP SLAP SLAP
SO WHY SHOULD UNCLE BOSS HAVE TO TRUST HER?
IT AIN'T HIM SHE LIKES
--HAVE YOUR FISHING POLE READY IN A MINUTE, HIGHWAY, AS SOON AS I GET THIS MINI-DIRECTIONAL-MICROPHONE ATTACHED TO THE END HERE.
... AND [redacted] WE'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR EVERYTHING THEY SAY.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MY DEAREST DARLING BEAUTIFUL BIMBE.
MMPH-- IF ONLY I COULD TUNE YOUR VOICE OFF.
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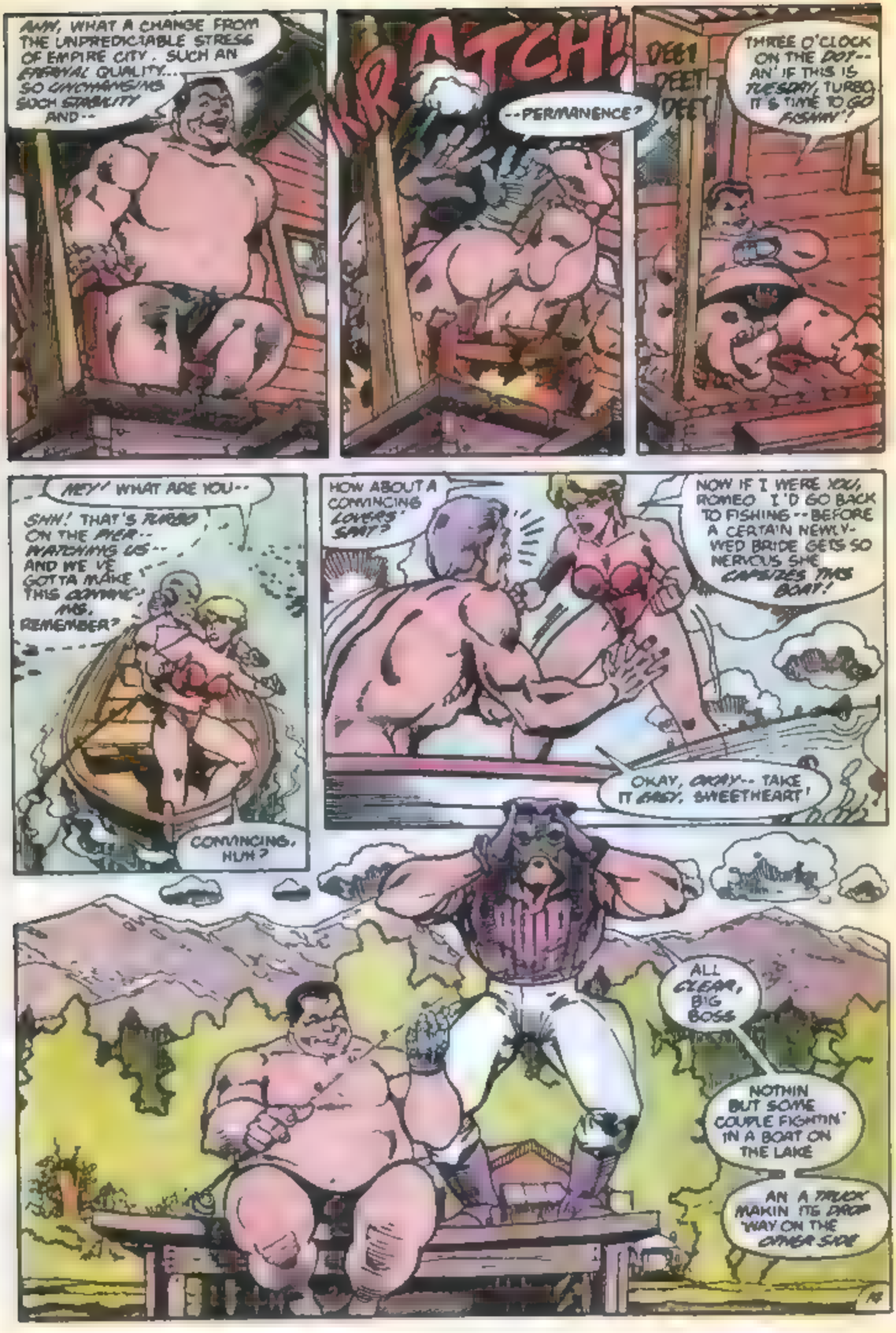
AHH, WHAT A CHANGE FROM THE UNPREDICTABLE STRESS OF EMPIRE CITY. SUCH AN EVENTUAL QUALITY... SO UNCHANGING! SUCH STABILITY AND--
KRATCH!
--PERMANENCE?
DEET DEET DEET
THREE O'CLOCK ON THE DOT-- AN' IF THIS IS TUESDAY, TURBO, IT'S TIME TO GO FISHIN'!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--
SHH! THAT'S RAMBO ON THE PIER-- WATCHING US-- AND WE'VE GOTTA MAKE THIS CONVINCING, REMEMBER?
CONVINCING, HUH?
HOW ABOUT A CONVINCING LOVERS' SMIT?
NOW IF I WERE YOU, ROMEO I'D GO BACK TO FISHING -- BEFORE A CERTAIN NEWLY-WED BRIDE GETS SO NERVOUS SHE CAPSIZES THIS BOAT!
OKAY, OKAY-- TAKE IT EASY, SWEETHEART!
ALL CLEAR, BIG BOSS
NOTHIN BUT SOME COUPLE FIGHTIN' IN A BOAT ON THE LAKE
AN A TRUCK MAKIN ITS DROP 'WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE

EXCELLENT TURBO, EXCELLENT-- WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR OUR SPECIAL "BAIT" HEH HEH HEH
REMINDS ME O' MY BOYHOOD ANGLIN' FOR CARP IN THE CHICAGO RIVER
... BUT SOMETHIN' TELLS ME THIS IS GONNA BE A BIG HAUL
IS IT MORNING? CAN YOU HEAR THEM?
IF YOU'D KEEP QUIET, I COULD
KBOOM
KBOOM
WHAT THE--?! I GOT A BITE!
ON THE MICROPHONE?
YEAH-- AND IT FEELS LIKE A WHOPPER!
WHOOOSH
AMAZING! AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY BAIT!
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MAYBE YOU DID BUT ON THE END OF THE POLE RATHER THAN THE END OF THE LINE... FEED-BACK TRAVELING DOWN THE LINE.
AUM? WHAT ARE YOU--
THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY FISHY, "DARLING," ABOUT THIS FISH.
COME ON, COME ON, YA DUMB FISH!
IT'S TEN AFTER THREE. SO WHEN IN BLAZES ARE YA GONNA--
--BITE?
YEEEEHAAHHH!
SPLOT
THE BOSS AIN'T GONNA LIKE THIS, BERSERKO.
GAGOOSH
DAT WATER'S COLD.

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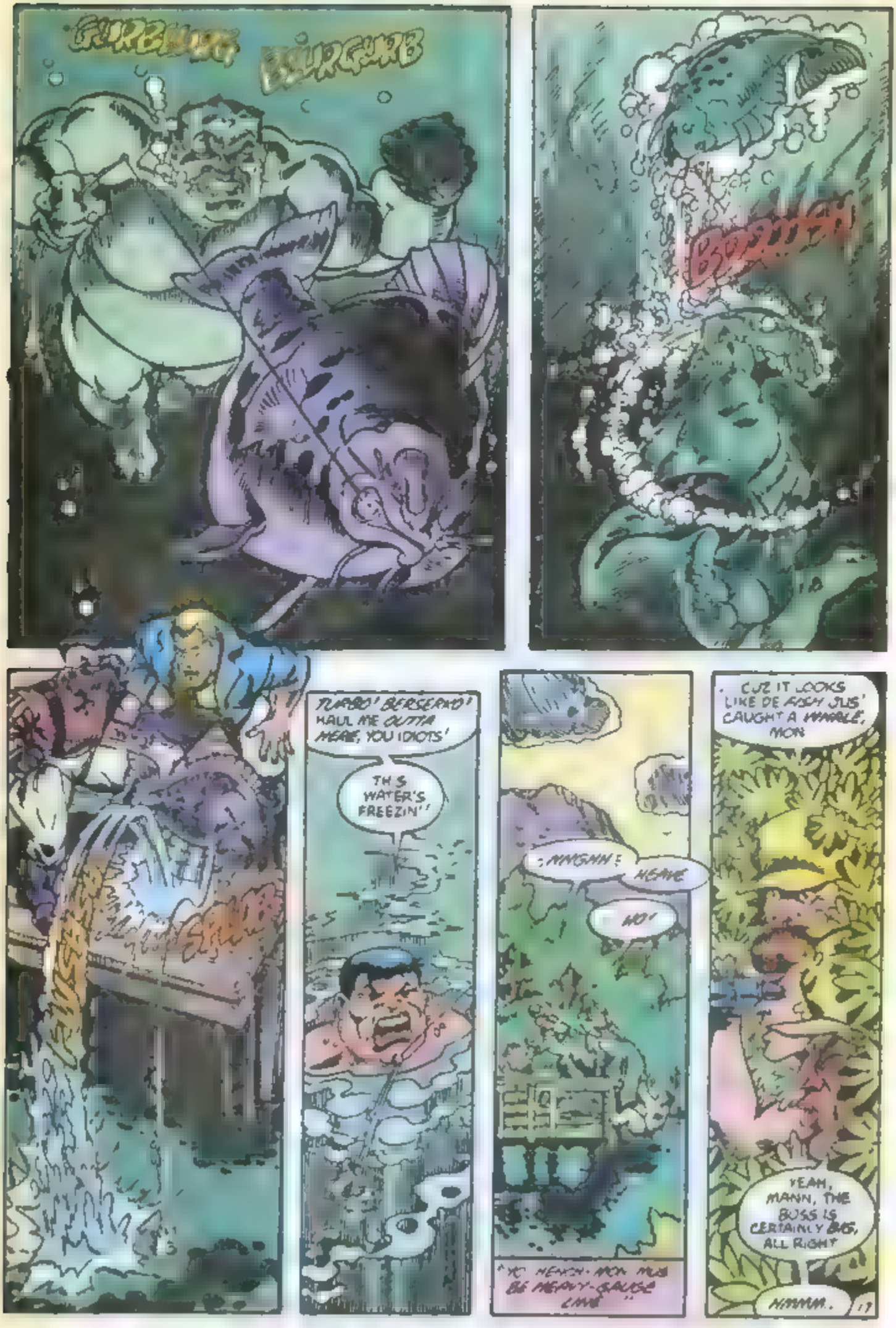
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BLURGURB
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TURBO! BERSERKO! HAUL ME OUTTA HERE, YOU IDIOTS!
TH S WATER'S FREEZIN'!
:NNGHH! HEAVE
HO!
"YO HEAVE-HO! YOU MUS BE HEAVY-CAUSE LIKE"
CUZ IT LOOKS LIKE DE ASSY JUS' CAUGHT A WHALE, MON
YEAH, MANN, THE BOSS IS CERTAINLY BIG, ALL RIGHT
HMMM..
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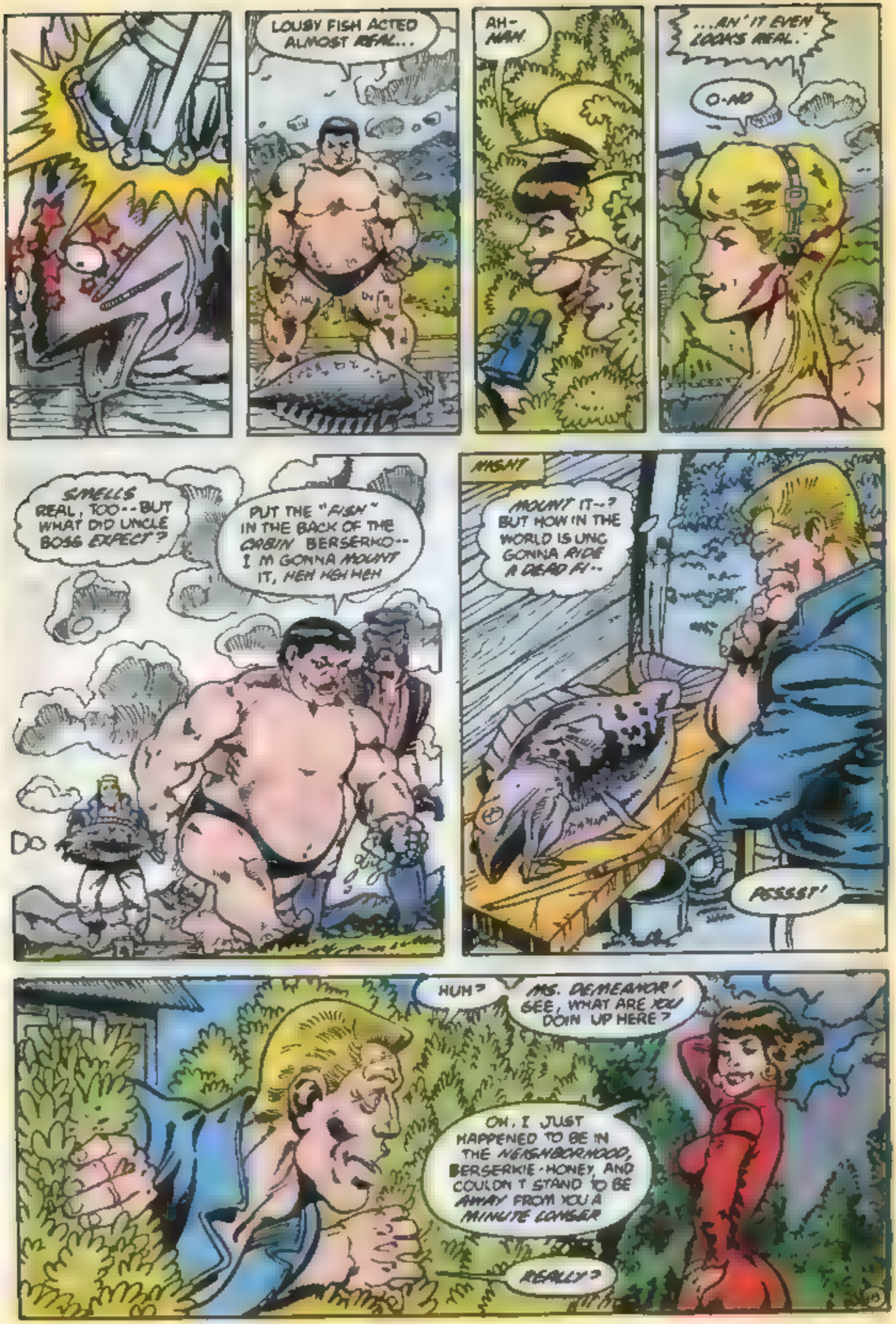
LOUSY FISH ACTED ALMOST REAL...
AH-HAH
...AN' IT EVEN LOOKS REAL.
O-NO
SMELLS REAL, TOO--BUT WHAT DID UNCLE BOSS EXPECT?
PUT THE "FISH" IN THE BACK OF THE CABIN BERSERKO-- I M GONNA MOUNT IT, HEH HEH HEH
MOUNT IT--? BUT HOW IN THE WORLD IS UNC GONNA RIDE A DEAD FI--
POSSE!
HUH?
MS. DEMEANOR! GEE, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN UP HERE?
OH, I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BERSERKIE-HONEY, AND COULDN T STAND TO BE AWAY FROM YOU A MINUTE LONGER
REALLY?

THAT'S GREAT, MS DEMEANOR' COME ON INTO THE CABIN AN SAY HELLO TO BIG B--
ACTUALLY, I'D RATHER THIS VISIT REMAINED OUR LITTLE SECRET-- BUT BEFORE I HAVE TO ALWAYS I NEED A POWER.
. RIGHT OVER THERE BY THE CABIN
GEE, MS DEMEANOR, I HOPE YOU DON'T WANT UNC'S FISH, CUZ HE'S REAL PROUD OF IT AFTER HIS EPIC BATTLE AN' ALL
OH, I DON'T WANT HIS SILLY OLD FISH, BERSERKO-HONEY...
I JUST WANT WHAT'S INSIDE IT
!-INSIDE?
YES.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S THE VERY SAME FISH THAT SWALLOWED SOMETHING OF MINE-- SOMETHING EXTREMELY
WELL, YOU'LL SEE WHEN YOU GET IT FOR ME. WON'T YOU?
"UM, YEAH. I GUESS I WILL."
YECH! BUT IF IT'S MARS. I GUESS SHE'S ENTITLED TO IT
ALL RIGHT THE COAST IS CLEAR, H'GHWAY-- LET'S MAKE THE SWITCH NOW.
YISH--YOU CARRY IT.
FOR YOU, DARLING... ANYTHING.
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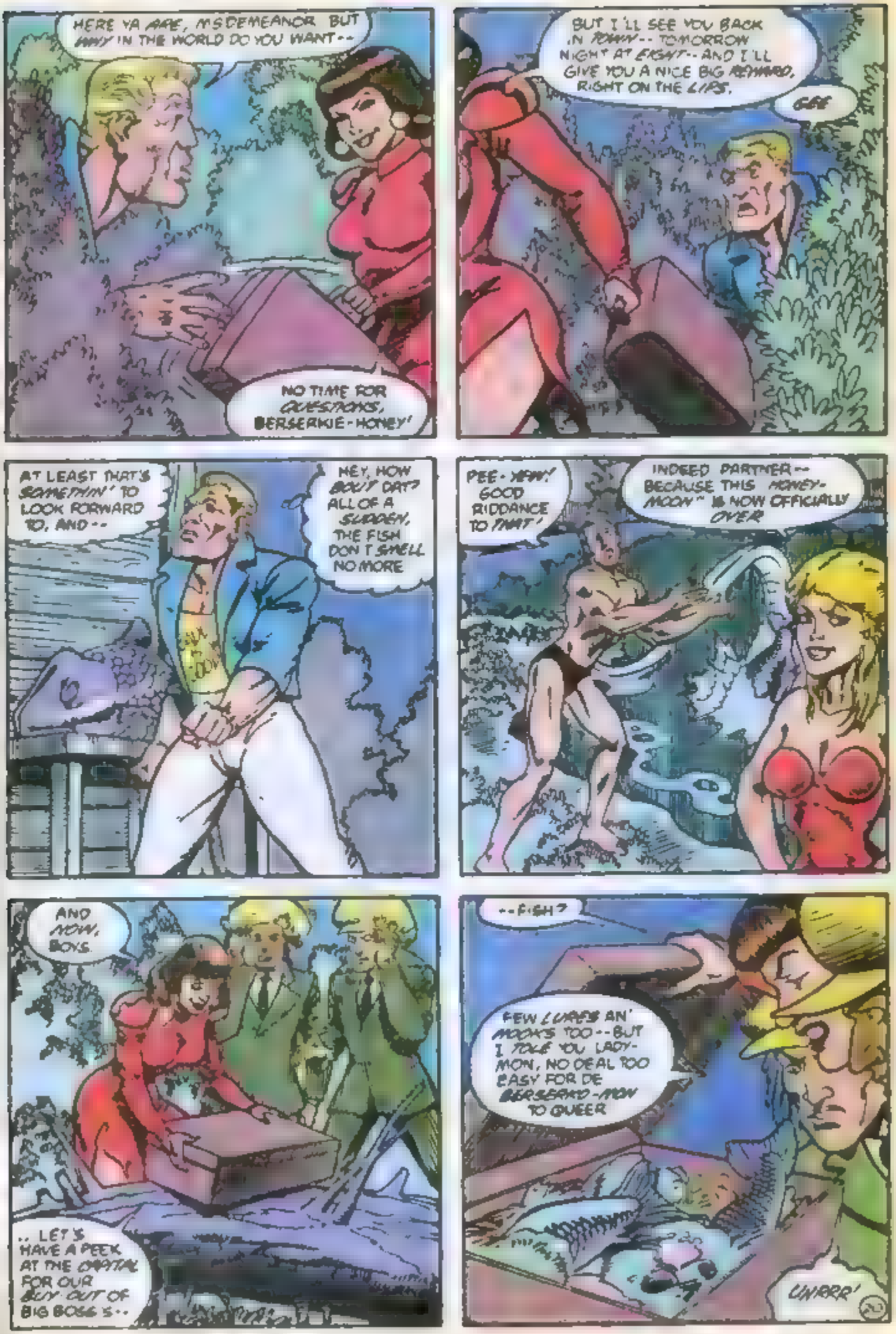
HERE YA ARE, M'SDEMEANOR. BUT WHY IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT--
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS, BERSERKIE-HONEY!
BUT I'LL SEE YOU BACK IN TOWN-- TOMORROW NIGHT AT ERSAT-- AND I'LL GIVE YOU A NICE BIG REWARD, RIGHT ON THE LIPS.
GEE
AT LEAST THAT'S SOMETHIN' TO LOOK FORWARD TO, AND--
HEY, HOW BOUT DAT? ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE FISH DON'T SMELL NO MORE
PEE-YEW! GOOD RIDDANCE TO THAT!
INDEED PARTNER-- BECAUSE THIS HONEY-MOON" IS NOW OFFICIALLY OVER
AND NOW, BOYS...
.. LET'S HAVE A PEEK AT THE CAPITAL FOR OUR BUY OUT OF BIG BOSS'S..
--FISH?
FEW LUAU'S AN' MOON'S TOO-- BUT I TOLE YOU LADY-MON, NO DEAL TOO EASY FOR DE BERSERKO-MON TO QUEER
UNRRR'

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SO WHEN YA GONNA SPILL, BOSS?
AND DON'T TELL ME WE WENT THROUGH HELL UP IN THAT PARADISE JUST TO GET A BIG UGLY FISH THAT ALMOST THE BEDDIN.
NOT MARDY, TURBO TU-TONE
SO HOW'S DIS FOR A NICE BIG--
--SPILL?
BOY HOWDY!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT BOSS-- EVEN IF THAT WATER WAS COLD!
--BUT WE STILL WEREN'T ABLE TO GATHER ANY PROOF OF A CRIME, SIR.
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT MAINFRAME. BUT YOUR FIRST UNDER-COVER OPERATION IS MORE THAN A SUCCESS WITH THE RECOVERY OF THIS I.G.G
WHAT THE DEVIL IS "I.G.G." ANYWAY?
"ILL-GOTTEN-GAINS," DARLING-- JUST LIKE THAT KISS YOU TRIED TO STEAL ON THE BOAT.
OH.
AND YOU SAY YOU MANAGED TO MAKE THE SWITCH?
YES SIR -- WE HAD JUST ENOUGH FUNNY MONEY WITH US TO MAKE IT CONVINCING..
AND IN ABOUT FIVE SECONDS IT SHOULD CONVERT ITSELF FROM MONEY TO--
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"...AAAVV"
BERSERKOOOO, YOU IDIOT!! WHERE ARE YOU?! IT'S TIME FOR A BIG TALK ABOUT THE BIRDS AND THE...
BZZZZ
♪ IT'S O-PEN, BERSERKO-BABE.. COME ON IN AND GET IT... ♪
MS DEMEANOR
HI, MS DEMEANOR!
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Dear Andy:

Call the COPS! This book is too good to be legal. I've always followed Pat Broderick as an artist, and with the cast of characters still being formed, COPS promises to be a very fine new series.

Some of the devices used are very interesting, but what I'd like to see is what the good doctor has up his white sleeves.

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Dear Staff:

I must admit you people have been doing an excellent job on COPS! My brother and I are going to get every issue. Keep up the great work.

Now for my question—how long will you be publishing the series? I hope it's for a long, long time. Thanks for an excellent comic.

Blemont Magill III
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No end in sight, Magill. COPS is meant as an ongoing series, not a mini-series. As long as you're out there reading it, we'll be in here producing it.

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Dear COPS:

I think this comic is really neat, and I hope you never stop publishing it. But there are a few things I don't understand, and I was wondering if you could tell me what it all means. In issue #1, page 30, it says that Sikorsky's codename is BULLSEYE, but on page 34 Vess calls him JETSTREAM. Then in issue #2 in the files in back about the members of COPS, it says that Sikorsky is SPEED-TRAP.

Also, in issue #1, on pages 7 and 9, it shows that MIRAGE is on the Big Boss's team, but in issue #2 in the files in back it says she's from the San Francisco Police Department.

I hope you can explain these things for me.

Roger Jacobs
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Yep ... and fairly easily, too, Roger. The profiles in COPS #2 and #3 were taken from information provided by a version of the TV show's "bible," a guide for all the writers and animators working on the animated series. Evidently, some last-minute changes in certain characters' names were made by the production company—those that appear in the stories are the correct ones. Sorry for the confusion.

Dear Mr. Helfer:

Unfortunately, I didn't pick up COPS until the second issue came out, so you won't get the benefit of the critiques I give on debuting comics (but you can ask Mr. Greenberger about them). I did, however, go back and pick up issue #1 after the fact (the neighborhood 7-11 still had a copy available). So you'll have to settle for an overview of both at once. Gee, aren't I nice?

Surprisingly, I like the premiere issue better. This was probably due to Longarm hogging all the action in what is, initially, a team book. Of course, if someone had come into my house and destroyed *my* keepsakes and memories ... well, you get the picture. Solo stories are okay once in a while in this format—it is important to get a feel for each character away from the others—but I think you started much too early. There is still too much we don't know about the group as a whole. But maybe I'm jumping the gun (and it wouldn't be the first time).

I have a few general comments, both pro and con, about what I have noticed so far and hope to see down the line.

The artwork, specifically that by Mr. Broderick, couldn't be better. I have followed Pat's efforts throughout his stint on CAPTAIN ATOM and have always been impressed. His work is detailed and consistent. Here he shows us even more—originality with a dash of humor. Yes, there WAS real seriousness when it was needed, but it's actually the humor that makes this series appealing. I especially enjoyed the caricaturistic depictions of Big Boss and his minions. You certainly can never mistake the bad guys for other than what they are.

A tip of the hat and a pat on the head to Mr. Pablo Marcos as well. His lines are strong without being overpowering—the mark of an excellent embellisher.

Doug Moench has been in the comic biz for a long time, and it shows. He knows when to be subtle, but can bust out as necessary. He has introduced us to a wide array of personalities within the C.O.P.S. unit, as well as with the underworld faction. Of course, most of the characters are still in need of further fleshing out, but that will come with time. Doug's doing an admirable job—not always predictable, but usually enjoyable.

The only drawback I can see with the series is the resemblance to another team of heroes who sport nicknames relating to each member's area of expertise. Yes, I'm talking about *G.I. Joe*. Both teams are roughly military in nature. Both teams are also brought together for roughly the same reasons. Yet, where the *G.I. Joe* series can never quite rise above the toy-store mentality, COPS shows a lot of potential to break out and really be something new and unique.

All in all, though, I'm fairly impressed with COPS. I think I'll follow along for a while just to see if the potential does become fully realized. Until then, we'll see ya in thirty.

Roger D. Case
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Dear DC Comics:

I just finished issues #1 and #2 of COPS, and I think they're super-fantastic. But the guys in C.O.P.S. could use some additional recruits, so I've made up a roster, which includes new team members with the old:

Baldwin P. Vess, Bullet Proof
P.J. O'Malley, Long Arm
David E. Harlson, Highway
Walker Calhoun, Sun Down
Donny Brooks, Hard Top
Hugh S. Sikorsky, Bullseye
Stanley H. Bach, Barricade
Colt Howards, Sgt. Mace
Rex Pointer, Officer Bowser with Blitz
Tina Cassidy, Main Frame
Susan Young, Mirage
Patrick Brimhall, Speedy Hawk
Monique Lafollote, Fox Trot
Tyson Brimhall, Night Stalker
Sven Mead, Block Buster
Derek Brimhall, Pulverizer
Rusty Marcum, Slasher
Scott Livingood, Quick Hatch
Ronald Brimhall, Commander Star Chaser
Yvonne Livingood, Quick Draw
Rachel Brimhall, Fast Draw
Veronica Hansen, Mage Starr
Sherril Johnson, Mage Girl
Nancy Hermann, Moon Bow

I was at the store the other day, and I saw four C.O.P.S. vehicles—Blue Streak, Crooks Roadster, Iron Sides, and Jail Bird. I also saw some of the action figures—Bullet Proof, Long Arm, Sun Down, Sgt. Mace, Big Boss, Turbo Tu-Tone, Buttons McBoom-Boom, and Hard Top. I didn't see Main Frame, Rock Krusher, Berserko, Highway, Barricade, Officer Bowzer, or Dr. Badvibes.

As you can tell, I really like the series.

Patrick Brimhall
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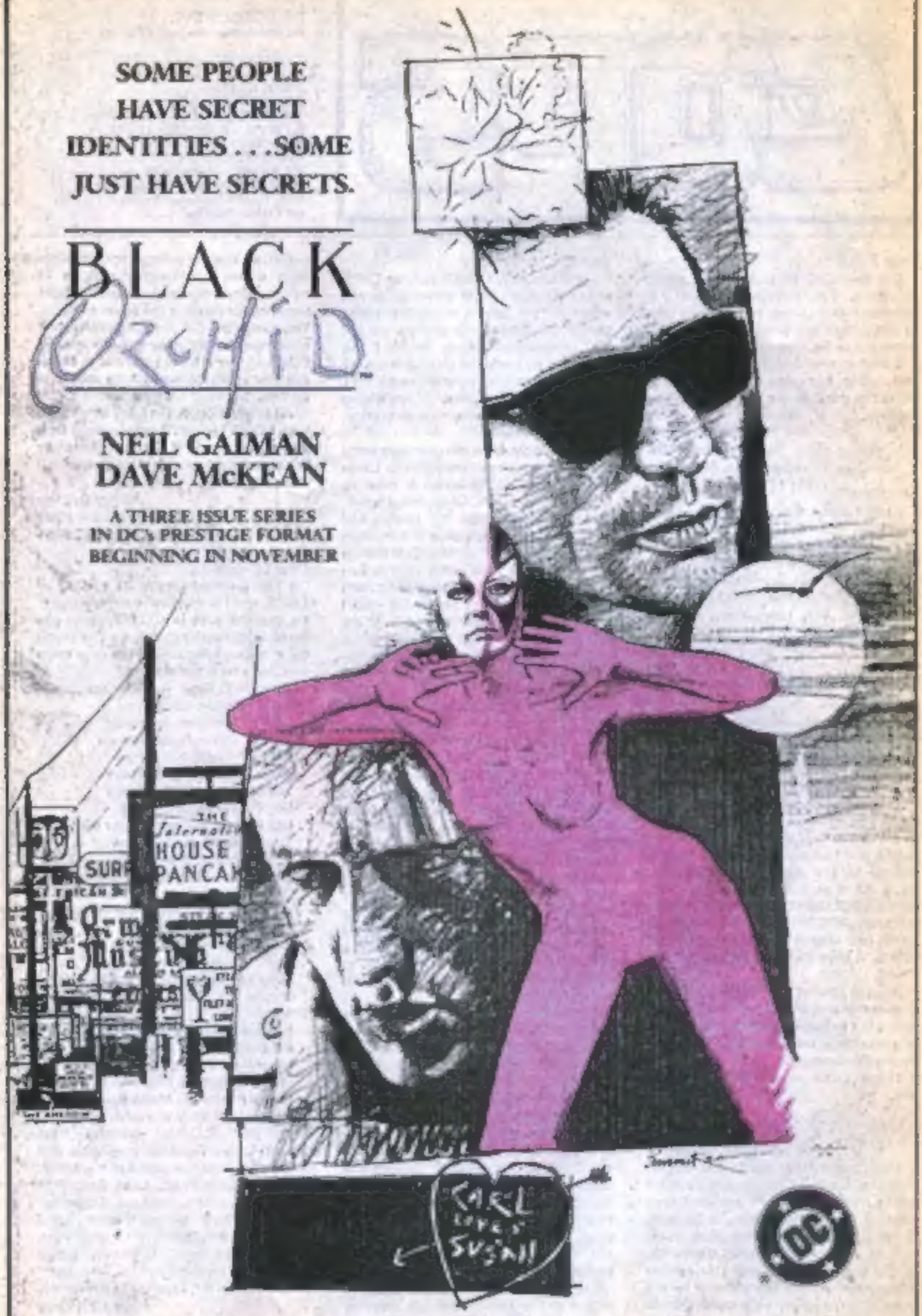

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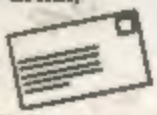

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